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## **SECOND RESPONSE and AMENDMENT** to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2008

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## Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2008 (Paper No. / Mail Date 20080423), and following a Telephone Interview held October 6, 2008 with Examiner Al-Hashemi, please consider the following remarks.